

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Support for the amendments to claims 1, 9, and 17 is provided in the specification at least on page 3, lines 18-26. The amendments were not presented earlier due to the unforeseeability of the remarks presented in the Final Rejection.

Claims 1-24 were rejected, presumably under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Cartsonis et al. (US 6,584,501) in view of Ludwig et al. (US 6,351,762). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to the amended claims, the Applicants respectfully traverse based on the points set forth below.

Claim 1 now defines a network monitoring system that monitors a network in which action explanation information for explaining one action is divided into a plurality of packets.

It is submitted that neither Cartsonis nor Ludwig discloses or suggests this feature. Accordingly, a combination of the teachings of these references would lack such feature.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Cartsonis and Ludwig, considered individually or in combination, do not render obvious the subject matter now defined by claim 1.

Independent claims 9 and 17 now similarly recite the above-mentioned feature distinguishing apparatus claim 1 from Cartsonis and Ludwig, but with respect to a method in the case of claim 9 and a program stored on a computer readable medium in the case of claim 17. Therefore, allowance of claims 1, 9, and 17 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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